

Montana Department of  
Public Health & Human Services

Section:

**Overview – Best Beginnings Child Care  
Scholarships**

**CHILD CARE**

Subject:

**Child Care Sliding Fee Scale  
Effective July 1, 2007**

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**References:** 52-2-713 and 53-4-611 MCA  
Section 37.80.202 ARM  
45 CFR Part 98.42

**General Rule** For fiscal purposes of the Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship programs, the ECSB uses the State of Montana fiscal year calendar, which is July 1 through June 30 of the following year.

**Sliding Fee Scale** The Child Care Sliding Fee Scale is a guide to determine the family's monthly co-payment obligation to the child care provider. A family, whose income falls below approximately 95.5% of the federal poverty level, pays a \$10.00 monthly co-payment. Higher co-payments are a product of the family's Non-TANF gross monthly income (GMI) multiplied by the respective co-payment factor:

$$\text{Monthly Co-payment} = \text{GMI} \times \text{Percentage assigned to the Income Range.}$$

The column headings at the top indicate family size. The row headings on the left indicate 1) the family's gross monthly income (GMI) level, as a percentage of the federal poverty guidelines and, 2) the co-payment percentage, for each income range.

**Co-payment is Required** Parents must pay their monthly co-payment to their child care provider to remain eligible for a Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship. See Co-payment Requirements in Section 6-4.

# Montana Child Care Sliding Fee Scale - Effective Aug 1, 2007

The monthly co-payment is a percentage of the family's gross monthly income (GMI).

<b>FAMILY SIZE &gt;</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Base Co-pay</b>	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
<b>TANF GMI + \$1</b>	\$523	\$704	\$885	\$1,067	\$1,250	\$1,431	\$1,612	\$1,794	\$1,975	\$2,156	\$2,338	\$2,519	\$2,700	\$2,881	\$3,063	\$3,246
<b>1% Co-pay</b>	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$11	\$13	\$14	\$16	\$18	\$20	\$22	\$23	\$25	\$27	\$29	\$31	\$32
<b>90% FPG GMI</b>	\$718	\$1,027	\$1,288	\$1,549	\$1,810	\$2,071	\$2,332	\$2,593	\$2,848	\$3,103	\$3,358	\$3,613	\$3,868	\$4,123	\$4,378	\$4,633
<b>2% Co-pay</b>	\$14	\$21	\$26	\$31	\$36	\$41	\$47	\$52	\$57	\$62	\$67	\$72	\$77	\$82	\$88	\$93
<b>95% FPG GMI</b>	\$758	\$1,084	\$1,359	\$1,635	\$1,910	\$2,186	\$2,461	\$2,737	\$3,006	\$3,275	\$3,544	\$3,813	\$4,083	\$4,352	\$4,621	\$4,890
<b>3% Co-pay</b>	\$23	\$33	\$41	\$49	\$57	\$66	\$74	\$82	\$90	\$98	\$106	\$114	\$122	\$131	\$139	\$147
<b>100% FPG GMI</b>	\$798	\$1,141	\$1,431	\$1,721	\$2,011	\$2,301	\$2,591	\$2,881	\$3,164	\$3,448	\$3,731	\$4,014	\$4,298	\$4,581	\$4,864	\$5,148
<b>4% Co-pay</b>	\$32	\$46	\$57	\$69	\$80	\$92	\$104	\$115	\$127	\$138	\$149	\$161	\$172	\$183	\$195	\$206
<b>105% FPG GMI</b>	\$837	\$1,198	\$1,502	\$1,807	\$2,111	\$2,416	\$2,720	\$3,025	\$3,322	\$3,620	\$3,917	\$4,215	\$4,512	\$4,810	\$5,107	\$5,405
<b>5% Co-pay</b>	\$42	\$60	\$75	\$90	\$106	\$121	\$136	\$151	\$166	\$181	\$196	\$211	\$226	\$241	\$255	\$270
<b>110% FPG GMI</b>	\$877	\$1,255	\$1,574	\$1,893	\$2,212	\$2,531	\$2,850	\$3,169	\$3,481	\$3,792	\$4,104	\$4,416	\$4,727	\$5,039	\$5,351	\$5,662
<b>6% Co-pay</b>	\$53	\$75	\$94	\$114	\$133	\$152	\$171	\$190	\$209	\$228	\$246	\$265	\$284	\$302	\$321	\$340
<b>115% FPG GMI</b>	\$917	\$1,312	\$1,645	\$1,979	\$2,312	\$2,646	\$2,979	\$3,313	\$3,639	\$3,965	\$4,290	\$4,616	\$4,942	\$5,268	\$5,594	\$5,920
<b>7% Co-pay</b>	\$64	\$92	\$115	\$139	\$162	\$185	\$209	\$232	\$255	\$278	\$300	\$323	\$346	\$369	\$392	\$414
<b>120% FPG GMI</b>	\$957	\$1,369	\$1,717	\$2,065	\$2,413	\$2,761	\$3,109	\$3,457	\$3,797	\$4,137	\$4,477	\$4,817	\$5,157	\$5,497	\$5,837	\$6,177
<b>8% Co-pay</b>	\$77	\$110	\$137	\$165	\$193	\$221	\$249	\$277	\$304	\$331	\$358	\$385	\$413	\$440	\$467	\$494
<b>125% FPG GMI</b>	\$997	\$1,426	\$1,789	\$2,151	\$2,514	\$2,876	\$3,239	\$3,601	\$3,955	\$4,309	\$4,664	\$5,018	\$5,372	\$5,726	\$6,080	\$6,434
<b>9% Co-pay</b>	\$90	\$128	\$161	\$194	\$226	\$259	\$292	\$324	\$356	\$388	\$420	\$452	\$483	\$515	\$547	\$579
<b>130% FPG GMI</b>	\$1,037	\$1,483	\$1,860	\$2,237	\$2,614	\$2,991	\$3,368	\$3,745	\$4,113	\$4,482	\$4,850	\$5,218	\$5,587	\$5,955	\$6,323	\$6,692
<b>10% Co-pay</b>	\$104	\$148	\$186	\$224	\$261	\$299	\$337	\$375	\$411	\$448	\$485	\$522	\$559	\$596	\$632	\$669
<b>135% FPG GMI</b>	\$1,077	\$1,540	\$1,932	\$2,323	\$2,715	\$3,106	\$3,498	\$3,889	\$4,272	\$4,654	\$5,037	\$5,419	\$5,802	\$6,184	\$6,567	\$6,949
<b>11% Co-pay</b>	\$118	\$169	\$213	\$256	\$299	\$342	\$385	\$428	\$470	\$512	\$554	\$596	\$638	\$680	\$722	\$764
<b>140% FPG GMI</b>	\$1,117	\$1,597	\$2,003	\$2,409	\$2,815	\$3,221	\$3,627	\$4,033	\$4,430	\$4,827	\$5,223	\$5,620	\$6,017	\$6,413	\$6,810	\$7,207
<b>12% Co-pay</b>	\$134	\$192	\$240	\$289	\$338	\$387	\$435	\$484	\$532	\$579	\$627	\$674	\$722	\$770	\$817	\$865
<b>145% FPG GMI</b>	\$1,156	\$1,654	\$2,075	\$2,495	\$2,916	\$3,336	\$3,757	\$4,177	\$4,588	\$4,999	\$5,410	\$5,821	\$6,231	\$6,642	\$7,053	\$7,464
<b>13% Co-pay</b>	\$150	\$215	\$270	\$324	\$379	\$434	\$488	\$543	\$596	\$650	\$703	\$757	\$810	\$863	\$917	\$970
<b>150% FPG GMI</b>	\$1,196	\$1,711	\$2,146	\$2,581	\$3,016	\$3,451	\$3,886	\$4,321	\$4,746	\$5,171	\$5,596	\$6,021	\$6,446	\$6,871	\$7,296	\$7,721
<b>14% Co-pay</b>	\$167	\$240	\$300	\$361	\$422	\$483	\$544	\$605	\$664	\$724	\$783	\$843	\$902	\$962	\$1,021	\$1,081

**Total Monthly Co-payment = Gross Monthly Income (GMI) x the percentage assigned to the income range, which is based on Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) or \$10, whichever is greater.**  
**The co-payments listed are minimums and correspond to the lowest level for each income range.**